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E.O. 12065: GDS 8/10/87 (UACES, ROBERT L.) DR-P
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SUBJECT: UPDATE ON POLITICAL PRISONERS AND ARBITRARY DETENTIONS IN
PARAGUAY

1. THE PAST FEW WEEKS HAVE SEEN A NOTABLE INCREASE IN THE
NUMBER OF PERSONS DETAINED BY THE GOP, PRESUMABLY UNDER THE STATE
OF SIEGE PROVISIONS (ARTICLE 79) OF THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION OR
THE ANTI-SUBVERSIVE LAW (#209). THE GOP OFTEN JUSTIFIES THESE
DETENTIONS AS PART OF ITS "ANTI-TERRORIST" CAMPAIGN. TO UPDATE
THE RECORD IN RESPONSE TO FREQUENT INQUIRIES OF LATE, THE FOLLOWING
IS A LISTING IN ORDER OF ANTIQUITY OF THOSE POLITICAL PRISONERS AND
OTHERS ARBITRARILY DETAINED WHOSE SITUATIONS HAVE STIRRED UNUSUAL
CONGRESSIONAL AND PUBLIC INTEREST IN RECENT MONTHS. THIS LIST,
THEREFORE, IS NOT ALL-INCLUSIVE, AND IS BASED ON INFORMATION
AVAILABLE TO THE EMBASSY WHICH IS NOT NECESSARILY COMPLETE.

2. (U) REMIGIO GIMENEZ - SUPPOSEDLY KIDNAPPED IN FOZ DO
IGUACU, BRAZIL ON DECEMBER 16, 1978 BY BRAZILIAN AUTHORITIES,
WHO SUBSEQUENTLY TURNED HIM OVER TO PARAGUAYAN AUTHORITIES.
HE HAS BEEN HELD WITHOUT CHARGES UNDER ARTICLE 79 EVER SINCE,
AND THE GOP HAS IGNORED NUMEROUS WRITS OF HABEAS CORPUS IN THAT
TIME. GIMENEZ REPORTEDLY FLED TO BRAZIL IN THE 1960'S AFTER
PARTICIPATING IN AN UNSUCCESSFUL COUP AGAINST PRESIDENT
STROESSNER, AND HE MARRIED A BRAZILIAN AND LIVED IN THAT COUNTRY
UNTIL HIS ABDUCTION. HE IS CURRENTLY IN ASUNCION'S GUARDIA DE
SEGURIDAD (GS), WHERE HE REPORTEDLY HAS BEEN TORTURED. PRESS
REPORTS STATE THAT GIMENEZ SUFFERED A BROKEN ARM AND HEMATOMAS
DURING POLICE INTERROGATION ON JULY 15, AND HE HAS BEEN ON A
HUNGER STRIKE SINCE JULY 27 IN A BID FOR FREEDOM.

3. (U) FRANCISCO RAMOS BRITZ - ORIGINALLY ARRESTED ON FEBRUARY
11, 1979 FOR DISTURBING THE PEACE DURING A FAMILY QUARREL, FOR
WHICH HE SERVED A YEAR IN PRISON. RAMOS, WHO IS RUMORED TO BE A
MEMBER OF THE OPPOSITION MOPOCO FACTION OF THE COLORADO PARTY,
HAS BEEN DETAINED THREE TIMES SINCE BY THE GOP UNDER ARTICLE 79,
MOST RECENTLY SINCE MAY 21, 1981. HE IS GIMENEZ'S CELLMATE IN THE
GS, AND ALSO HAS BEEN ON A HUNGER STRIKE SINCE JULY 27.

4. (U) ANTONIO MAIDANA CAMPOS - DISAPPEARED IN BUENOS AIRES,
ARGENTINA ON AUGUST 27, 1980. FIRST SECRETARY OF THE PARAGUAYAN
COMMUNIST PARTY (PCP), MAIDANA SUPPOSEDLY WAS TURNED OVER BY
THE ARGENTINE MILITARY TO THE GOP, WHICH DISAVOWS ANY KNOW-
LEDGE OF HIS WHEREABOUTS.

5. (U) EMILIO ROA ESPINOSA - DISAPPEARED IN BUENOS AIRES,
ARGENTINA ON AUGUST 27, 1980. ROA, FORMER HEAD OF PARAGUAY'S
PCP-DOMINATED CONSTRUCTION WORKERS UNION, IS IN A SITUATION
SIMILAR TO MAIDANA'S.

6. (U) HERNANDO SEVILLA - ARRESTED BY THE GOP ON FEBRUARY 6,

1981 UNDER SUSPICION FOR COMPLICITY IN THE ASSASSINATION OF
ANASTASIO SOMOZA DEBAYLE ON SEPTEMBER 17, 1980. SEVILLA, A
REPORTER FOR THE ASUNCION NEWSPAPER, "HOY," IS BEING HELD WITHOUT
CHARGES IN THE GS UNDER ARTICLE 79.

7. (U) EDUARDO HIMBERT - ARRESTED BY THE GOP ON FEBRUARY 27, 1981
IN CONNECTION WITH THE SOMOZA KILLING. HIMBERT WAS RELEASED
WITHOUT BEING CHARGED ON MAY 1.

8. (U) JULIA YORE - ARRESTED IN HER ASUNCION HOME ON JULY 30
DURING A SEARCH-WITHOUT-WARRANT ("RASTRILLAJE") UNDER ARTICLE 79.
MRS. YORE WAS RELEASED WITHOUT CHARGES ON JULY 31.

9. (U) (FNU) YORE ISRAEL - THE TEN-MONTH-OLD SON OF MRS. YORE
ALSO WAS DETAINED ON JULY 30 AND RELEASED ON JULY 31.

10. (OP) LUIS ALBERTO YORE ISRAEL - ARRESTED DURING THE SAME
JULY 30 RASTRILLAJE AND RELEASED WITHOUT CHARGES ON AUGUST 6.

11. (U) NOYME YORE ISRAEL - ARRESTED DURING THE SAME JULY 30
RASTRILLAJE, AND CURRENTLY BEING HELD INCOMMUNICADO. PRESS
REPORTS INDICATE THAT MISS YORE, A LAWYER FOR THE COMITE DE
IGLESIAS PARA AYUDAS DE EMERGENCIA (CIPAE), WILL HAVE CIVIL
CHARGES BROUGHT AGAINST HER "FOR POSSESSING SUBVERSIVE LITERATURE
IN HER FAMILY LIBRARY."

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12. (U) PERLA NADIMY YORE ISRAEL - ARRESTED DURING THE SAME JULY 30 RASTRILLAJE, AND CURRENTLY BEING HELD INCOMMUNICADO. MISS YORE, VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY STUDENT ASSOCIATION, REPORTEDLY WILL BE CHARGED WITH BEING A MEMBER OF A SUBVERSIVE GROUP AND POSSESSING SUBVERSIVE LITERATURE.

13. (U) MARIO RUBEN ALVAREZ - PERLA'S BOYFRIEND, A REPORTER FOR RADIO PRIMERO DE MARZO, WAS ARRESTED DURING THE SAME JULY 30 RASTRILLAJE, AND RELEASED WITHOUT CHARGES ON JULY 31.

14. (U) CASILDA GONZALEZ - THE YORES' HOUSEKEEPER WAS ARRESTED DURING THE SAME JULY 30 RASTRILLAJE, AND RELEASED WITHOUT CHARGES ON AUGUST 6.

15. (U) ANIBAL BARRETO - ARRESTED IN CORONEL OVIEDO ON JULY 31, REPORTEDLY FOR ORGANIZING AN UNAUTHORIZED MEETING OF THE PARTIDO LIBERAL RADICAL AUTENTICO (PLRA) UNDER THE STATE OF SIEGE WHICH, HOWEVER, FORMALLY EXISTS ONLY IN ASUNCION. BARRETO IMMEDIATELY BEGAN A HUNGER STRIKE, AND HE WAS RELEASED UNHARMED AND WITHOUT CHARGES ON AUGUST 5. VARIOUS OTHER GROUPS OF PLRA AND FEBRERISTA POLITICIANS HAVE ALSO BEEN DETAINED IN INTERIOR CITIES IN RECENT MONTHS, AND BEEN RELEASED WITHIN 2-3 DAYS.

16. (U) MIRTA BARRETO - ARRESTED WITH HER BROTHER IN CORONEL OVIEDO ON JULY 31, AND RELEASED WITHOUT CHARGES ON AUGUST 1.

17. (U) COMMENT: THE GOP, WHICH HAD RELAXED ITS INTERNAL SECURITY MEASURES SOMEWHAT IN RECENT YEARS, HAS STEPPED UP ITS ANTI-SUBVERSIVE SURVEILLANCE AND ITS ANTI-OPPOSITION HARASSMENT SIGNIFICANTLY SINCE THE SOMOZA ASSASSINATION. CONVINCED THAT THOSE OPPOSED TO THE STROESSNER REGIME ARE EITHER COMMUNISTS OR FELLOW TRAVELERS, THE GOP MAKES LITTLE OR NO DISTINCTION BETWEEN THOSE WHO ADVOCATE VIOLENCE OR REVOLUTIONARY CHANGE AND THOSE WHO WOULD OPPOSE THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT BY LEGITIMATE MEANS. ALLEGATIONS OF TORTURE AND OTHER EXTREME FORMS OF MISTREATMENT CONTINUE TO BE EXCEPTIONAL, HOWEVER, AND MOST RECENT DETENTIONS OF OPPOSITION POLITICAL LEADERS HAVE BEEN RELATIVELY BRIEF. END COMMENT. LANE

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